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Alternatives Matrix
Proposed Uses & Environmental Impacts

| Preferred Alternative | Alternative 1 | Alternative 2 | Alternative 3 | No Project |
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| ACREAGES* | ACREAGES* | ACREAGES* | ACREAGES* | ACREAGES* |
| Information/Entrance Zone | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Focused Use Zone I | 2,200 | 1,500 | 1,500 | N/A |
| Focused Use Zone II | 2,200 | 3,700 | 5,600 | N/A |
| Backcountry Zone | 153,900 | 206,900 | 133,000 | 218,700 (State Park) |
| Proposed Backcountry | 123,900 | 176,900 | 103,000 | 188,700 |
| Carrizo Impact Area | 30,000 | 30,000 | 30,000 | 30,000 |
| State Wilderness Zone | 462,900 | 406,200 | 436,300 | 405,100 |
| Existing Wilderness Zone | 405,100 | 405,100 | 405,100 | 405,100 |
| Proposed Extensions | 57,800 | 1,100 | 31,200 | N/A |
| Wetland Riparian Zone | N/A | 2,900 | 2,900 | N/A |
| Cultural Preserve Zone | 2,600 | 2,600 | 44,500 | N/A |

*NOTE: Management zone acreages are approximate and do not sum to the total park acreage, but allow for comparison of the alternatives in terms of area within each management zone.

| | Preferred Alternative | Alternative 1 | Alternative 2 | Environmentally Superior Alt. 3 | No Project |
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| Natural Resources | Expanded Wilderness designation, and goals and guidelines for natural resources provide protection for sensitive natural resources park-wide and in specific areas like Coyote Canyon, Sentenac Canyon, and Carrizo Badlands. All potentially significant impacts will be avoided, minimized and/or mitigated to a level below significance. | Same as Preferred Alternative, except 1) less land proposed as Wilderness, paritally offset by protective Wetland Riparian Zone 2) More land proposed as Backcountry and Focused Use I & II, allowing for higher potential for significant impacts, including areas with sensitive natural resources. | Same as Alternative 1, except much less land proposed as Wilderness, and more as Backcountry, permitting new roads and trails through sensitive habitat in Coyote Canyon and Borrego Badlands. More natural resources are potentially impacted. Offers the least amount of resource protection. | Same as Preferred Alternative, except protects a significant additional amount of resources by Preserve and Wetland Riparian Zones, extending into areas such as Harper and Hapaha flats, Coyote Canyon, Borrego Badlands, and Carrizo Badlands. | No new facilities would be built causing less of an impact to significant resources, but potential for impacts to sensitive resources from recreation could occur from the lack of Management Zones and resource protective Goals and Guidelines. |
| Cultural Resources | Expanded Wilderness designation, Preserve designation near Sentenec Canyon and goals and guidelines for cultural resources provide protection for all significant resources from future development and recreational activity park-wide and in specific areas. Cultural Resource Management Plan to be prepared subsequent to the adoption of the General Plan to provide for additional protection. | Same as Preferred Alternative, except higher potential for impacts to sensitive cultural resources. Potential significant impacts. | Same as Alternative 1, except allows potential development in more land (See Natural Resources above), including areas with sensitive cultural resources. Increased potential for significant impacts. | Same as Preferred Alternative, except protects a significant additional amount of resources by Preserve designation, extending into areas such as Harper and Hapaha flats, Coyote Canyon, Borrego Badlands, and Carrizo Badlands. | No new facilities would be built causing less of an impact to significant resources, but potential for impacts to sensitive resources from recreation could occur from the lack of Management Zones and resource protective Goals and Guidelines. |
| Interpretation | Park entrance information kiosks, and goals and guidelines for interpretation inform visitors on rules and regulations, educate public (including school children, physically challenged and elderly) on environmental impacts, recreational impacts, and other critical park issues. | Same as Preferred Alternative, except allows for more acreage within which to develop intensive interpretation/education facilities. | Same as Preferred Alternative except allows slightly less acreage within which to develop intensive interpretation/education facilities. | Same as Preferred Alternative, except minimal signage will be permitted in Preserve areas. | Precludes opportunity to enhance visitor services for all members of the public. |
| Park Operations | Allows for efficient park operations, strengthened enforcement of resource protective regulations in Wilderness and Preserve designated areas, compliance with the American with Disabilities Act of 1990, and provides management direction through guidelines. | Same as Preferred Alternative, except more acreage in Focused Use Zones, including areas in close proximity of sensitive resources, thereby putting constraints on operations and increasing the need for active management. | Same as Preferred Alternative, except low level facility development is permitted in more areas of the park, which could require more staff time to operate and maintain, particularly if dispersed. | Same as Preferred Alternative. | Would not comply with Public Resources Code 5003 or allow construction of new operational facilities to respond to increases in visitation. |
| Hazardous Materials | California Code of Regulations Title 14, Division 3, Chapter 6 4604 Carrizo Impact Area closed to the general public pending decontamination procedures. | Same as Preferred Alternative. | Same as Preferred Alternative. | Same as Preferred Alternative. | Same as Preferred Alternative. |
| Recreation | Proposes to keep existing opportunities for high quality outdoor recreation. Provides over 500 miles of designated roads and trails while protecting undisturbed natural and cultural resources. Off trail Hiking in Back-Country and Wilderness. Developed and primitive camping facilities in limited areas and open camping allowed in the majority of the park. Roads and Trails, and Camping Management Plans to be prepared subsequent to the adoption of the General Plan to provide further direction. | Same as Preferred Alternative, except more acreage in Focused Use and Backcountry Zones allows for more new roads and trails, and primitive campsites. | Same as Preferred Alternative, except offers more potential low level facility development for visitor services. | Creates potentially significant impacts to visitor services and outdoor recreation by eliminating multiple user groups from more areas of the park. | Precludes opportunity to enhance visitor services for all members of the public. |